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Section seven of the postal appropriation bill as passed by the House would deal a deadly blow to a free press by giving autocratic power to the Postmaster General by which he could exclude from mails and consign to freight routes such publications as he might arbitrarily designate. From this decision there would be no appeal, this legislation would further Rome's persistent effort to foster postal bureaucracy. Telegraph your senator today to vote to kill section seven of the postal appropriation bill. (For particulars see page 4.)

OREGON PATRIOTS TRIUMPH OVER ROME

Press Censorship, the Roman Catholic Boycott and Political Solidarity in the Interest of the Papal Theory Again Rebuked by Red Blooded Americans at the Polls--The Spirit of 1776 in Evidence in Portland, Oregon--The Story of the Victory

GAIN the sons of democracy have taken up the gauntlet of battle thrown down by the subjects of the pope when the hierarchy entered the campaign to substitute the papal for the democratic system of government in its effort to make America dominantly Roman Catholic, by the historic Roman Catholic methods, tactics and practices.

Again have the true patriots and upholders of our free institutions splendidly shown their loyalty to the basic principles of our free democracy.

On May 19th, the voters of Portland, Oregon, nominated at the primaries twenty-seven candidates out of thirty-three who had received the endorsement of a special committee appointed by the patriot forces of Portland, to rigidly scrutinize the list of candidates.

The Wild Wall of the Oregonian
The result astounded the subservient press and the machine politicians. The Portland Oregonian, figuratively speaking, put on sack cloth and ashes, and its wild lamentations, which doubtless voiced the feelings of Archbishop Christie and his political knights, reminds us of the disconsolate Hebrew captives in Babylon, who hung their harps upon the willows.

Heretofore the Republican machine and the Oregonian have occupied "the seats of the mighty," while in the dim background stood the hierarchy and "its props," its Knights and Ancients, its federated organizations, and its Jesuits, approvingly watching the political machinations of both the great parties guided by unseen hands, and which so well accorded with the papal campaign to make America dominantly Roman Catholic.

Days of Roman Rule Threatened
Heretofore when through shrewd manipulations, the Knights of Columbus, had secured the nomination of a faithful son of the Roman church to office, all that remained in order to effect his election was a word to the faithful members of the secret oath bound Roman Catholic societies and a further notification to the laity in the local Roman paper, which reached the rank and file of Roman Catholics but which was rarely ever seen by the Protestants. But alas! those happy days when the papal hyphens who owned and showed their first allegiance to the pope, found it easy to ride into political power are passing.

Cad Case of a Son of the Church
The very qualifications that so long as the Roman Catholic political machine remained unmasked, were the title deeds to office, now that democracy is awakening, are serious handicaps to success. A very typical example illustrating this fact was seen in the case of Andy Weinberger, the present constable of Portland who failed to secure renomination. Andy was a typical Roman Catholic office seeker who could not well fail to succeed under the old regime when Rome's vote was solid for her sons, while patriots voted unintelligently.

He was educated in the parochial schools and was prominent in the work of the Roman Catholic church. He was a Knight of Columbus, and though he does not rejoice in a name that is redolent of the "dear old sod," Mr. Weinberger is an active member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. We know all these things must be true, since they are prominent features of a laudatory sketch of Mr. Weinberger which accompanied his picture that appeared in a prominent place in the Roman Catholic Sentinel of Portland, just before the recent election.

only to the faithful son of Rome, but to his fellow members of secret oath bound politico-religious societies, which have been recently happily termed by a Massachusetts Romanist politician as "the props of the hierarchy."

Of course, the support of Andy by the secret papal societies and the laity who were so circumstantially informed by the Catholic paper of his fealty to Rome and her parochial schools, was perfectly right and proper and not an attempt to bring the religious question into politics or secure a solid vote which would tend to arouse religious prejudice or bigotry, this seems to be taken for granted not only by the Roman Catholic political machine, but by its handymen in the censored press, while on the other hand, when the upholders of the fundamental democracy of our constitution--the democracy of Jefferson, Washington and Lincoln, imitate Rome by uniting and matching the Protestant vote against the solid Roman vote that for years has been in evidence all over the land, a wild wail is raised by the subjects of the pope, and their apologists, because Protestants and democrats dare to unite to uphold our magnificent non-sectarian school system and the constitutional guarantees of absolute freedom of speech, press, religious discussion and assembly.

All that the patriots have done in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Paul, Portland and elsewhere, of late, has been to take a leaf out of THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BOOK OF POLITICAL TACTICS, and imitate political Romanism by uniting at the polls. They have not stooped to employ the un-American despotism and contemptible weapon of boycott, and they have not violated the spirit of our federal constitution by seeking a censorship over the press.

What they have done, and all that they have done is to make a united stand for the election of men pledged to support the basic principles of our great Protestant liberal democracy in the present war which Rome is waging in government and out of it, against free press, free speech, free assembly and free schools, against her attempt to substitute monarchical bureaucratic power over the press instead of democratic trial by jury, and against her determined attempt to secure public appropriations for sectarian institutions in open violation of the spirit of our constitution that provides for absolute divorce between church and state, necessarily implying equal rights to all faiths and special privileges to none.

All that the patriots seek to do, or have sought to do is to protect imperiled democracy from the political aggressions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. THEY HAVE NOT INJECTED RELIGION INTO POLITICS BUT ARE SIMPLY STRIVING TO GET SECTARIAN RELIGION OUT OF POLITICS and prevent the aggressive attempts of politico-eclesiastical Romanism to substitute the papal monarchical system of government for our free democracy.

Before the Battle

While it is probable that the archbishop and the most astute of the Knights and the Jesuits may have sensed the disturbed condition in the atmosphere and the keenest watchers may have discerned a cloud the size of a man's hand rising on the political horizon, the Oregonian and the rank and file of "Knights" and "Ancients" were in as blissful ignorance of the rising tide of lofty patriotism in Oregon, as was King George III, blind to the temper of the colonists at the time of the Boston Tea Party.

Oregonian and Haverhill Riot

Some weeks ago something happened in Massachusetts which got beyond the power of the well trained papal censors in Boston and New England.

The Roman Catholic Knights of Columbus and other "props of the hierarchy" in Cardinal O'Connell's archdiocese, relying on the past success of the papal censorship over the daily press in suppressing for the most part, all news reports of the

many exhibitions of criminal lawlessness, mobocracy, and murderous assault by Knights of Columbus and other Roman Catholics in the determined attempt of political Romanism to destroy our constitutional right to freedom of religious discussion and assembly, determined once and for all time, to crush in Massachusetts, freedom of discussion on such questions as public and parochial schools, and the proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit the appropriation of public funds to sectarian institutions when such discussion was in opposition to Rome's desires or when the speakers were obnoxious to the hierarchy.

In furtherance of this campaign against the organic law of our land, political Romanism gave the most shameful exhibition of criminal lawlessness and mobocracy that has stained the fair name of Massachusetts since the republic was founded.

The outrage was so giant-like, and so utterly inexcusable, so nakedly criminal and treasonable in character, so subversive and destructive of law and order in its effect that the Boston press had to give the facts; had to play them up as an aroused public demanded, but beyond Massachusetts and especially New England, the Roman Catholic censors were very successful in minimizing the criminal outrage, while papal editors sought to justify the crime in the way monarchy and the papacy ever seeks to justify crimes against the freedom which democracy fosters and protects.

The Portland Oregonian had an editorial that must have met with the hearty approval of Archbishop Christie and his Knights, something which in turn must have been a source of gratification to the Oregonian since its desire to meet with the approval of the prelate has been a subject of much speculation among the thousands of intelligent citizens of Portland who are such "bigots," that they actually dare to defend the fundamental democracy of Jefferson and the Revolutionary Fathers, the constitution of the United States, and "the little red school house."

Here is an extract from a letter written us by a well known business man of Portland, which bears upon this point:

After the late attempt in Massachusetts to mob our patriotic speaker, Mr. Leyden, an editorial appeared in our leading paper, the Oregonian, condoning the action of the papal mob and referring to Mr. Leyden as a "mountain bank." I wrote a brief answer to this editorial and sent it to the Oregonian, but the editor refused to publish my reply. How absolutely helpless we would be all over the United States if THE MENACE were suppressed.

Menace Defeats R. C. Censorship

The daily press had so bowed to the Roman Catholic political ma-

chine that the people of Oregon had no adequate knowledge of this latest papal crime, till THE MENACE began to pour into Portland and the state at large. Its thousands of subscribers in Portland then read the full story as given by the staff representatives in the dailies of Boston and Haverhill. Here also was reproduced the editorials of such great papers as The Transcript, and The Herald, further describing and denouncing the crime, then the patriots of Portland were moved as were the patriots of Massachusetts, and the old spirit of '76 was stirred. Later they learned that Cardinal O'Connell remained tongue tied, refusing to join the law loving and abiding Protestant clergy and editors in condemning this appalling exhibition of criminal lawlessness and mobocracy, and worse than this sinister silence, his next friend, the President of the Catholic Federation of the archdiocese of Boston, publicly through the columns of the Boston Herald and other papers, justified the criminal action of the mob which included trampling upon our constitutional guarantees, defiance of the laws of the state, destruction of public and private property and bodily injury to peaceable law abiding citizens.

All these facts were circumstantially set forth in the most authoritative and evidently convincing manner by THE MENACE. Its great army of subscribers in Oregon, not only read this thrilling present day story of how Rome wars on democracy and popular rights, but the copies were loaned to tens of thousands of other citizens, then came the historic issue of THE MENACE, number 204, containing the great story of how American patriots wrecked Rome's political machine in Kansas City, this issue electrified the true Americans in Portland, as it has heartened and enthused hundreds of thousands of friends of Fundamental Democracy all over this great land, and the patriots of the Golden West, who belong to the splendid patriotic societies that in Portland as elsewhere are doing noble and effective work in freedom's cause, got busy. St. Louis and Kansas City had given the cue, "imitate Rome by uniting at the polls," this was the key to a success that meant the restoration of democracy from the thrall of those who are striving to substitute the papal for the democratic system of rule.

The patriots of Portland acted with commendable promptness. There was little time to organize an Independent Voter's League, which might bring into line the conscience element of the Protestant electorate that does not as yet belong to the patriotic societies, but the local confederated patriotic organization instantly followed the general course of the Independent Voter's League carefully selecting a committee whose duty it was to rigidly scrutinize the records and affiliations of all candidates. The following circular or bulletin was then mailed to patriots.

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Patriots Save the Republic WHAT TO DO

To prevent this DEMOCRACY becoming an AUTOCRACY every lover of liberty

MUST VOTE SOLIDLY

at the primaries on the 19th of May, 1916, for FREE SPEECH, FREE SCHOOLS and FREE PRESS.

To preserve these monuments of human progress you must forget party politics and

VOTE SO THAT NO FOREIGN POTENTATE SHALL EVER RULE THIS NATION!

HOW TO DO IT.

An executive committee of local confederated patriotic societies is now searching the records of every candidate for public office and will shortly issue a printed list of candidates

OWING NO ALLEGIANCE TO ANY FOREIGN POWER

and who are pledged to maintain under any and all circumstances DEMOCRACY against AUTOCRACY.

This means they will stand for FREE SPEECH, FREE SCHOOLS and FREE PRESS.

PATRIOTS

WHAT TO DO

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MAYOR MITCHEL ARRAIGNS DIGNITARIES

Circumstantial Evidence That Confirms The Menace Charges of Rome's Pernicious Meddling in Public Affairs--The Mayor Adds His Testimony to the Evidence Laid Before the Investigators of New York Charities--The Metropolis "Split Wide Open"

NE may readily understand why Rome objects to inspections and investigations from the uproar that has followed the investigation of New York charities. In desperation the priestly promoters of papal charity graft are now fighting their own Roman Catholic mayor; and are said to have come within one vote of causing his indictment by the Kings County grand jury.

This is a serious matter for the papal party. Political Romanism has been so prosperous in the metropolis that it has suffered the inevitable break into factions; and the factions are at war. When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues; when plunder comes easy, the fight follows over its distribution; and when the looters begin to quarrel over their loot, honest and unsuspecting people make unreamed discoveries.

Mayor Mitchell has found it desirable to tell much that confirms the damaging testimony given before the Strong commission; and he even threatens to tell more. Both sides are wrought up and the passive public is getting an insight into charity graft and Roman Catholic rascality such as honest citizens seldom dream of.

When the "Strong Commission" began its sittings Rome made every conceivable effort to stop the hearing; for the managers of Romish charity knew how it would likely expose their iniquity and show how 22,000 HELPLESS CHILDREN HAD BEEN NEGLECTED THOUGH THE CITY HAD BEEN PAYING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THEIR CARE.

With arrogance characteristic of his profession Priest Farrell organized an opposition that included a series of pamphlets attacking the city administration. When summoned to appear before the Strong commission, Farrell ignored the summons and got out one pamphlet after another in huge quantities distributed throughout the city by various Roman Catholic organizations. Mayor Mitchell soon discovered that he, and his administration, were to use the slang phrase about to be made the goat.

As usual, the mayor had recourse to his trusty police department, with the result that the telephone wires of his enemies were tapped and a hundred conversations transferred to paper so they could be used at the opportune moment. When the mayor offered to introduce these evidences of criminal plotting at the open sessions of the Thompson committee, pandemonium broke loose. His enemies wished to go into secret session so the disclosures might be kept from the public.

But, to shorten the story, Mitchell succeeded in finally reading between thirty and forty of the alleged conversations; which, if genuine, show that certain of these pious priests were actually conspiring to defeat justice by spurring desired witnesses out of the city.

And now their fellow subject of the pope is threatened with punishments too numerous to mention; but the public is more interested in the revelations Mitchell has made than they are in the frenzied opposition. Whether Mitchell is right or wrong, he is certainly on the right side of this effort to have private charity graft probed to the bottom. There is very little about the man to commend him; but he is just as likely to tell the truth as the crowd that is fighting him. Therefore his statements are entitled to consideration at least.

Dramatic Scenes

In what the New York Tribune calls one of the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in that city, Mayor Mitchell testifying under oath before the Thompson committee on May 23, declared that the priests and their associates had interfered with the city government, had attempted to discredit city officials who had blocked their graft, had attempted to dominate the department of charities, had conspired to pervert and obstruct justice and prevent the due administration of the law, had attempted bribery,

HAD ACCOMPLISHED BIBBERY, HAD CONSPIRED TO UTTER CRIMINAL LIES, HAD COMMITTED LIES, AND HAD COMMITTED PERJURY.

As he is said to have expressed it, the papist mayor "ripped things wide open" a service for which all may be duly thankful whatever they may think of the ripper. From his testimony, read from manuscript and published in the New York papers of May 24, we quote:

Well, gentlemen of the committee, during a period of almost unprecedented misrepresentation on the activities of a branch of the government, I have remained silent awaiting the proper opportunity and forum to make known the facts concerning this matter of supervision of telephone lines.

It is necessary that as mayor of the city I should make those facts known. It has been necessary since this question was raised. It has become more necessary in view of the fact that the Kings County Grand Jury has seen fit to lodge this wholly unjustifiable charge against the Commissioner of Charities and the Special Assistant Corporation Counsel.

I therefore take this opportunity of stating all the facts concerning the supervision of the three telephone wires which primarily occasioned this discussion, and in order to do so I must state to this committee the underlying facts; and, first, and as a general proposition, I wish to say to this committee that for the last two years and a half during the entire life of the present city administration there has been a well-organized and purposeful conspiracy conducted by a certain number of co-religionists of my own, acting with other persons, to obstruct the due process of the government, to interfere with the proper and orderly conduct of the government, and with the proper and orderly conduct or control of the private charitable institutions of the city, and the ordering of the care which these institutions give to the 22,000 dependent children committed by the city to their care.

Monsignor Got \$5,000

Lack of space precludes the printing of more than the essentials of the mayor's story on the stand. He went into considerable detail concerning how a former moderator of Roman Catholic charities, one Monsignor McMahon, had appropriated \$5,000 drawn from a charitable institution to his own use. After relating other details, he continued:

When this administration took office, it had a definite program and purpose with regard to the institutions which care for the dependents committed to them by the city. That purpose was to secure humane treatment and care, proper nourishment, proper clothing, proper housing, and proper recreation, particularly for the children committed to those institutions--there are some 22,000.

Accordingly, Commissioner Kingsbury was selected as Commissioner and Mr. Doherty was selected as Deputy Commissioner, and they were definitely instructed by me to conduct an examination of the conditions of private charitable institutions, for my experience as a member of the earlier investigating committee had fully acquainted me with the fact that the conditions of some of these institutions were far from good.

They set about this investigation. In order that all of the three principal religious denominations of the city supporting private institutions of this kind might be represented and in order to guarantee the fairness of the examination, Commissioner Kingsbury secured my approval of the appointment of men representative of those denominations. There were appointed representing the Catholics, Brother Barnabas; representing the Jews, Dr. Bernstein; and representing the Protestants, Mr. Reid.

These men, as a committee, undertook to make an examination of these institutions. What they have found has been pretty thoroughly spread upon the record made before Commissioner Strong, the governor's commissioner sitting under the Moreland act.

That in some of these institutions of all denominations children were found with their hair knotted with lice, their scalps covered with itching sores, their bodies covered with filthy clothes that had not been changed for three weeks, their bodies uncleaned and undressed, deprived of any reasonable opportunity for recreation, compelled to sit on backless wooden benches, some of them compelled to bathe, ten, fifteen, or twenty-five standing in a trough of six inches of water, many of them compelled to use the same towel after bathing, and other kindred conditions.

These conditions are not illustrative of all the private charitable institutions of the city, nor must it be understood to be intended to imply that they are. They are illustrative only of a certain number, but they were found in that certain number from the time this investigation got under way down to the present time and culminating in the indictments found this morning.

There has been a persistent effort to discredit the commissioner of charities, to pull him off the investigation that he

was making of these private charitable institutions, to malign him, to slander him, to lie about him at every opportunity, to intimidate him and to intimidate the mayor in order that immunity from investigation and from censure should be secured for these private charitable institutions.

The prime movers in that effort have been men like Mr. Hebbard, Father Farrell, this man Potter--this ex-minister and discredited city employee--and a certain number of other Catholic clergymen who saw fit to associate themselves with these men in this attempt.

Frightful Conditions

Mayor Mitchell told of several instances in which the usual efforts of the charity grafters, to discredit the administration of the charities department, had been exerted from time to time. He spoke of conditions existing last year in the institution for the feeble minded on Randall's Island. Said he:

The conditions there were so bad that they would baffle description. I saw some of them myself. I went over there after the superintendent was removed from office, and I looked at the conditions that even still prevailed, because there had not been time to correct them.

I saw infants lying on a sun-baked veranda because there was no room to put them elsewhere, because there were insufficient nurses to take them away, without even mosquito netting to cover them and with flies crawling in and out of their mouths. The children in those institutions had been vermin covered; they also had been compelled to go without change of clothing.

As a part of the reorganization of the Department of Charities the commissioner brought charges against the inefficient superintendent, a Mrs. Dunphy. No sooner were those charges brought than pressure was concentrated on the commissioner of charities and on me to withdraw the charges and let this woman off.

It was not the first time that similar things had occurred. An attempt had been made as far back as Mayor Low's administration to get rid of her as an inefficient and improper city employee, and that had been frustrated by pressure. And pressure attempted to be exerted on the commissioner of charities and myself failed.

Cause of the Investigation

The mayor told how Mrs. Dunphy had been removed after a struggle which attracted so much attention that a legislative enquiry was the result. To continue:

There followed almost immediately the appointment of Mr. Strong by the governor as commissioner under the Moreland act to conduct an investigation of the activities of the State Board of Charities. Beginning almost with the first day of the submission of evidence, taking the testimony before the governor's commission, there began what I will detail to you in a moment, an attempt to discredit the Department of Charities, the governor's commissioner, all concerned with the investigation, and to exert pressure on both the governor himself and his commissioners, and to intimidate for the purpose of perverting justice and obstructing the due administration of the law.

On March 16 of this year Mr. Hebbard, having been a witness before the governor's commission, I was called on the telephone in the evening about 6 o'clock by Mr. Hebbard, the special assistant corporation counsel retained to advise the commissioner of charities in this matter, and he told me that he wished to see me on a very important matter. I was dining downstairs. I told him I could not see him until about 6 o'clock; he might call at the place at which I was, which he did.

He told me at that time that Hebbard had testified, and had for some reason, which he specified, in his judgment, committed the crime of perjury. He pointed out that Hebbard had denied frequent communications with Potter by telephone and otherwise, and had generally alleged an absence of co-operation with Potter or close association with him.

Mr. Hebbard pointed out at the same time what I already fully knew to my own knowledge, namely, that some person or persons had been guilty of the crime of criminal libel in the uttering of the series of pamphlets which had been circulated all over New York at the doors of Catholic churches, and which bore as the name of the author that of William B. Farrell.

Mr. Hebbard pointed out to me that he had reason to believe that those libels had been prepared and uttered not only by William B. Farrell, but by others conspiring with him to utter and commit these criminal libels. He further pointed out to me that from all the circumstances as developed upon the records, the conduct of witnesses, and from extraneous facts, some of which were also known to me, that there was serious grounds for the belief that there existed a conspiracy on the part of certain priests of the Catholic church, Potter, Hebbard, and others, to pervert justice and obstruct

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